

REMARKS

Claims 33, 47-53, 55-63, and 65-75 have been amended.

Claims 33, 47-53, 55-63, and 65-75 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the Baker, et al. (US 5,428,730) patent taken with the Kraslavsky, et al. (US 5,537,626) patent. With respect to applicant's claims, as amended, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 33, 56, 66 and 67 have been amended to better define applicants' invention. In particular, claim 33 has been amended to recite a control device for controlling a network device connected to a network, the control device comprising: a communication interface adapted to receive description information of the network device from the network device via the network, and a controller adapted to automatically generate an object for the network device using the description information after the description information is received from the network device, wherein the object is adapted to generate a control panel for controlling the network device. Claims 56, 66 and 67 have been similarly amended. Such a construction is not taught or suggested by the Baker, et al. patent and the Kraslavsky, et al. patent.

The Examiner has again acknowledged that the Baker et al. patent fails to teach or suggest that the creation of a control panel for a device occurs as a result of information of the device sent from the device via a network. This is clear from lines 17-21 of column 8 of the Baker, et al. patent which state: "In response to receiving a CREATE control screen command, MMDCP is operative to perform the functions 178 and acquire resources (e.g., memory) for the

display, make the desired control panels, and place them on the screen." (Emphasis Added). Nor can the patent thus teach or suggest a controller adapted to automatically generate an object for the network device using the description information after the description information is received from the network device, wherein the object is adapted to generate a control panel for controlling the network device.

Thus, applicant's amended claims 33, 56, 66 and 67, and their respective dependent claims, all of which recite such features patentably distinguish over the Baker, et al patent. Moreover, the Kraslavsky, et al. patent fails in this regard also.

More particularly, the Kraslavsky, et al. patent discloses a system in which a network printer 4 with a NEB 2 exports control information to a PC 14 of a network administrator. The patent mentions that the "CPCONSOL program . . . provided on the network administrator's PC 14 is capable of interfacing with the NEB 2 (and other members of the network) to perform such functions as displaying current information for a selected network device (interface information, control information, font information, layout information, quality and common environment information, and miscellaneous information)." Col. 6, line 62 through Col. 7, line 3."

The patent also mentions that "the printer 4 includes an open architecture . . . to provide a great deal of status (and other) information from the printer 4 to the LAN 6 via the NEB, and also to allow fine control of the printer from a remote location." Finally, it states that "such open architecture . . . permits most or all of the information on the front panel display 116 of the printer 4 to be exported to a remote location, and also permits most or all of the control

functions of the printer front panel keyboard 115 to be activated from the remote location.” Col. 8, lines 24-35.

The above teachings, however, are not a teaching or suggestion that the printer 4 transmits to the administrator PC 14 description information for automatically generating an object, wherein the object is adapted to generate a control panel for controlling printer 4. The patent, in fact, states that the printer 4 exports the information on its control panel for control of the printer, but not that the information transmitted is used to generate the control panel for the printer.

Accordingly, even assuming, arguendo, that it is proper to view the Baker, et al. patent with the Kraslavsky, et al. patent, the combined teachings of the patent would still not result in a device having a “a controller adapted to automatically generate an object for the network device using the description information after the description information is received from the network device, wherein the object is adapted to generate a control panel for controlling the network device”, as required by applicant’s independent claims 33, 56, 66 and 67, and their respective dependent claims. Such claims, therefore, patentably distinguish over the Baker, et al. and Kraslavsky, et al. patents.

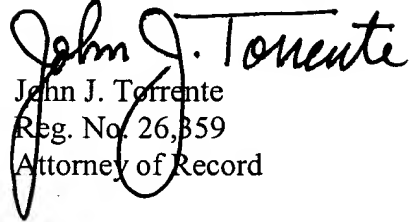
In view of the above, it is submitted that applicants' claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over the cited art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims is

respectfully requested.

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